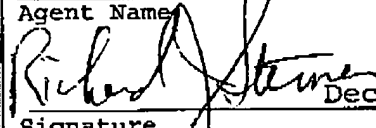


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the nonfinal Office Action mailed
June 21, 2005. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in
view of the amendments and remarks following.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the time for response from September 21, 2005 up to and including December 21, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$1020.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any other fees which may be due for any reason in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.